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1. IN ADDITION TO AGREEING THAT PEACE TREATY NEGOTIATIONS BE CONTINUED IN 1974 AND INVITING FONMIN KIMURA TO MOSCOW FOR THAT PURPOSE (REFTEL), FONMIN GROMYKO MADE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL POINTS DURING UN MEETING SEPT 25: 1) IF KIMURA CAME TO MOSCOW IN 1974, GROMYKO WOULD VISIT JAPAN IN 1975. 2) SOVIET UNION HAS MADE NO DECISION ON VISIT BY ONE OF THREE TOP LEADERS TO JAPAN AND WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH KIMURA WHEN HE COMES. 3) ON SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT, SOVIET UNION REITERATES THAT IT WOULD WELCOME BILATERAL COOPERATION WITH JAPAN, BUT WOULD NOT OBJECT TO THIRD COUNTRY (US) PARTICIPATION.

2. FIRST EAST EUROPEAN DIVISION DIRECTOR ARAI, WHO WAS WITH FONMIN IN NEW YORK, ALSO TOLD EMBOFF THAT KIMURA MADE NO COMMITMENTS TO GROMYKO, SAYING ONLY HE WOULD STUDY SOVIET POSITION. KIMURA STILL HAS NOT DECIDED WHAT HE WILL DO, BUT ARAI HAS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT
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FONMIN GO TO MOSCOW THIS DECEMBER. ARAI AWARE THAT IT IS

SOVIET'S TURN TO COME TO JAPAN, AND HAS NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT RESULTS THAT CAN BE ATTAINED BUT IS WILLING TO SACRIFICE SOME FACE IN RETURN FOR MAINTAINING MOMENTUM OF TALKS. KIMURA REFUSAL TO GO WOULD PLEASE ONLY SOVIETS, HE CONCLUDED.

3. ARAI COMMENTED THAT THOUGH SUBSTANCE OF SOVIET POSITION HAD NOT CHANGED, RUSSIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD DISCUSSION OF NORTHERN TERRITORIES HAD COOLED MARKEDLY SINCE TANAKA-BREZNEV SUMMIT IN OCTOBER '73. HE ASCRIBED CHANGE IN ATTITUDE TO SOVIET ASSESSMENT THAT OIL CRISIS AND DOMESTIC DECLINE OF LDP HAD WEAKENED JAPAN WHILE DETENTE WITH US HAD STRENGTHENED USSR. ARAI ALSO BELIEVED THAT THOUGH IMPROVEMENT IN SINO-JAPANESE RELATIONS GENERALLY MADE SOVIET UNION EASIER TO DEAL WITH, PRC'S EXPLICIT SUPPORT FOR JAPAN'S POSITION ON NORTHERN TERRITORIES HAD HELPED HARDEN SOVIET ATTITUDE ON ISSUE.
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